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FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during February 2015 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was down 6 percent from February 2014. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 511,000 pounds live weight, down 16 percent from February 2014. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 74 pounds from the previous year, at 1,086 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 153,000 pounds live weight, up 56 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from the previous year, at 301 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.73 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in February 2014.

Beef production, at 1.77 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.17 million head, down 3 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,355 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.3 million pounds, 23 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 36,700 head, down 30 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 293 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.08 million head, up 5 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.6 million pounds, was down slightly from February 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,700 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 3 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2015 commercial red meat production was 7.8 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 25 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.